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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR: Mitsuo HIGUCHI

FOR: CONTAINER CAPABLE OF KEEPING A LENGTHWISE
CONTRACTED STATE AND CONTRACTION METHOD THEREOF

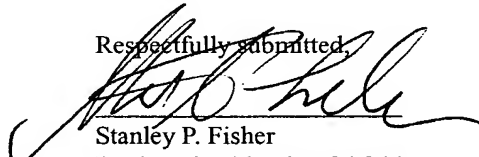
Enclosed are:

- ☒ 14 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
☐ Applicant requests non-publication.
☒ An Unexecuted Declaration
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